

# Lifeline

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## In Memoriam

John G. C. Fuller, our FSO-NS, passed away on June 17, 2011. He had been very active with the Aids to Navigation (ANT) team at Sector Delaware Bay. John loved all things that dealt with maps and charts, including the benchmarks that can be found on USGS terrain maps.

John also served as the SO-NS for Division 2 and as an ADSO-NS for District 5NR. A complete obituary may be found at <http://www.philly.com/philly/obituaries/124334293.html>.

Liz Fuller, John's wife, has served the flotilla as FSO-SR and FSO-FN in recent years and continues to keep the welfare of the Coast Guard family in her thoughts. We hope to see her at our flotilla events soon.

Our condolences go out to Liz and their daughter Sarah.  
Hank Harrison, FC

The next Flotilla meeting is Tuesday, 16 August at 7pm.

## **Flotilla Staff Officer Monthly Reports:**

### **Communications (CM)**

#### **E-Learning Website Reopens**

The Auxiliary E-Learning (Moodle) website is now open at <http://aux.virtualclassroomuscg.org> with a preliminary course offering.

Additional courses will be added in the coming month, but there are a number already active on the site including the Public Affairs courses, RBS, APC, and the New Member course. Mandated training is not active on this site.

You do not need to recreate login credentials if you registered on the site during its short uptime earlier this year.

If anyone has any problems regarding the site, please email Matthew Hammons, DVC-TD, directly at [mdhammons@cox.net](mailto:mdhammons@cox.net) immediately so that the issue may be addressed quickly.

[Source: Matthew D Hammons DVC-TD]

CAPT Rizzo has signed the ATON Verifier PQS which can be located on the Prevention Department website at <http://pdept.cgaux.org/nsAidVerifier.html>

This PQS provides the minimum knowledge base required and must be completed for Coast Guard Auxiliarists to qualify as an Auxiliary ATON Verifier (AV). Auxiliarists who currently possess the AV designation are not required but are encouraged to complete this PQS. Previously qualified members should familiarize themselves with the tasks required in this PQS.

[Source: Karel K Kester, DVC-PO]

Matt O'Brien, FSO-CM

### **Information Systems (IS)**

Hello, and Buenos Días!!

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer, I need your hours!!

Very little hours have been reported. To those of you who keep sending them in on a regular basis, thank you. I plan on reporting everything I have to Division by the end of the month or sooner. Therefore please send whatever you have at this time to my email address or send it snail mail to my home address within the E-Directory. Thank you Kindly

Jose Roman-Rivera, FSO-IS

### **Materials (MA)**

All members that are in need of any materials please e-mail me at [jimmyde46@aol.com](mailto:jimmyde46@aol.com). It is important that you e-mail or send by text or letter any material request. Please provide name, address, id number, and what you are requesting to be ordered. Allow three weeks for delivery although you may receive an order earlier.

Jimmy Deleon, FSO-MA

### **Operations (OP)**

USCG AUX Coxswain Ken Christy + Crew continue to support the call for patrols in Flotilla 053-02-76 AOR.

To date Ken and Crew have completed 29 missions for a total of 236.00 Mission Hours.

Brian Lynch, FSO-OP

### **Public Education (PE)**

The Spring 2011 sessions of **About Boating Safely (ABS)** are over now and so many thanks to all who made these sessions a success.

Still available for distribution are copies of the new colorful flyer advertising the Fall 2011 PE courses. Auxiliarists are invited to take copies and give them to friends and/or place copies at marine stores, libraries, marinas --wherever they can be seen. Also, Auxiliarists who are new to the flotilla are invited to take courses, and the PE mission is always interested in members becoming IT -certified so they can join the team of instructors who teach these courses.

Dot French, FSO-PE

### **Vessel Examinations (VE)**

Remember to turn in your VE Inspections along with the appropriate Forms. For those who need additional Forms or VE stickers, don't hesitate to contact me.

Paul Parravicini FSO-VE



## **CHANGE OF WATCH: SAVE THE DATE!**

**We're going back to the CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB. The date is  
SATURDAY, December 10, 2011, from 1200 to 1600  
(noon to 4 p.m.)  
The cost will be \$35.00**

**If you have any questions, call Muriel Lewis at  
(610) 642-2442**

### **Commandant's Coast Guard Day Message**

Shipmates,

On August 4th we celebrate the 221st birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard. Our Service started as a vision of Alexander Hamilton who wrote, "a few armed vessels, judiciously stationed at the entrances of our ports, might at a small expense be made useful sentinels of the laws." In 1790, President George Washington brought Hamilton's vision to life when he signed an act of the First Congress creating the Revenue Cutter Service. Through our pride, professionalism and heroism we have carried Hamilton's design forward, all the while taking on increased responsibilities. We have broad authorities that allow us to serve the United States in ways that no other agency can do: we protect those on the sea, we protect America from threats delivered by sea, and we protect the sea itself.

Every day I am sustained by the enthusiasm, excitement and pride of being a member of our Service. For 221 years we have worked together to overcome challenges that often seem insurmountable. Sometimes the challenge is to return from a mission safely. Other times, it is to rescue and return survivors back to safety. The tenth anniversary of 9/11 next month is one of many reminders of why we must remain vigilant and stand a taut watch to ensure the safety, security and stewardship of our Nation and its waters.

As we celebrate Coast Guard Day I encourage the entire Coast Guard Family - active, reserve, civilian, retired, auxiliary and contractors - to take a

moment and honor those who served before us to make the U.S. Coast Guard the premier maritime service it is today.

We are Coast Guardsmen. We work as a crew. We serve as a family.

This is our way. This is who we are. This is what we do.

Happy Birthday-Semper Paratus,

Admiral Bob Papp

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**July 28, 2011**

### **2011 Fall Conference Information**

It is that time of year to make plans to attend the District Fall Conference. We will be at the Dolce Valley Forge Hotel located in King of Prussia, PA as we were in the spring. We encourage you to gather up the entire Flotilla and attend!

These conferences are for everybody. From those brand new members to the retired members and everyone in between, everyone is welcome and should attend.

We encourage you to come and stay at the hotel. The hotel has restaurants, a game room, lounge fitness room and much more. This 327-room hotel recently had a 20 million-dollar renovation and is very modern and state of the art. The hotel is located across the street from the huge King of Prussia mall.

YES, we have some NEW things going on. First with registration, we now have ONLINE registration and the paper forms will soon be a thing of the past. New classes including short one-hour sessions. New food menu including reduced priced banquet options and added buffet items. This is the fall so our classes are administrative based, spring is operations based.

We would like members to register online if anyway possible! So go online and register today at [www.regonline.com/5NRfall2011](http://www.regonline.com/5NRfall2011)  
For more information, [click here](#)

## **2011 Course Schedule**

### **Boating Skills and Seamanship Course:**

Mondays: 14-week course, 7:00-9:00 pm. Registration begins at 6:30 pm. Start Date: September 12, 2011. Cost: \$65.00 to public (\$25.00 to Auxiliary).

Location: USCG Sector Delaware Bay -- USCG AUX Flotilla 2-76 --Penn's Landing, Washington & Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia PA

A comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and novice boater. Eight required and five elected modules include: which boat is right for you; legal requirements; safety equipment; trailering; boat handling; aids to navigation; navigation rules; piloting; engines; lines and knots; weather; radio; inland boating.

Individuals successfully completing this course qualify for the Pennsylvania Safe Boating Certificate. This certificate is recognized by PA state officials requiring proof of a safe boating course.

**How to read a nautical chart course:** August 25 (3 weeks) \$50.

Learn about types of charts, chart scales, symbols used, and information given. Be able to plot boat courses and bearings; determine distance and direction; plot latitude and longitude; includes text, chart, plotter and dividers.

**Weekend Navigator Course:** Thursdays: 10-week course, 7:00-9:00 pm

Registration begins at 6:30 pm Start Date: September 15

Cost: \$75.00 to public (\$40.00 to Auxiliary). Location: USCG Sector Delaware Bay -- USCG AUX Flotilla 2-76 --Penn's Landing, Washington & Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia PA

This is a comprehensive course designed for both experienced and novice power-boat and sailboat operators. The course is divided into two major parts designed to educate the boating enthusiast in skills required for a safe voyage on a variety of waters and boating conditions.

Topics include: Fundamentals of Waypoint Navigation; Navigation Tools; Planning and Navigating with GPS and Paper and Digital Charts; Avoiding Dangers; Double-Checking with Instruments; What to Do If the GPS Quits; Tides, Currents and Wind; Using Radar, Depth Sounder, Radio and Autopilot; and Adverse Conditions. Chart work is an integral part of this training course.

**First Aid , CPR, AED Course:** One more session of the First Aid, CPR and AED course is planned to run on Sunday, Oct 9 as a 1-day courses , from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Cost is \$75.00 to public (\$45.00 to Auxiliary) and includes lunch.

This course is taught by John Mosley, a Red Cross Certified instructor, and it covers First Aid basics, CPR, Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), medical, injury and environmental emergencies, and special medical concerns and emergencies for boaters.

We are advertising these PE courses on our website and with brochures. However, with the 2011 boating season upon us, the PE team is still appealing to 2-76 Auxiliary members to **GET THE WORD OUT for the fall!**